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March 12, 1953

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMAL PSB MEETING, March 12, 1953.

Place: Mr. Dulles' Office.

Presents: C. D. Jackson
Walter B. Smith
Roger M. Kyes
Allen W. Dulles ✓
Harold E. Stassen
George A. Morgan

1. Mr. C. D. Jackson was unanimously elected Chairman. I was instructed to reply to the President's letter which requested that Mr. Jackson be included as a member of the Board.
2. The Board approved a (\$156,000). 25X1
3. The Board noted General Smith's memorandum of March 9 on "Proposal for Encouragement of Additional Single Male Youth to Defect from East Germany" and agreed to refer it to General Crittenger's ad hoc committee on the Volunteer Freedom Corps, with the request for an opinion in time for next Thursday's meeting. (I will forward the memorandum to General Crittenger with this request.)
4. With regard to the exploitation of the death of Stalin, the Board
 - a. Read a revised draft of the proposed Presidential speech and made generally favorable comments.
 - b. Agreed that the best time for the speech would be after March 17; the best place, probably the UN.
 - c. Made further comments on underlying strategy, emphasizing nationalism, Asia, covert operations, and the importance of avoiding sabre-rattling at the present time.
 - d. Instructed me to consolidate all agency comments on the draft psychological plan of March 9 for consideration at the next meeting.

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- e. Agreed that a covert annex to the plan should also be prepared for consideration on March 19.
5. The Board decided to hold a formal meeting after lunch on the 19th. (A modification of this idea was suggested after the meeting by Mr. Jackson and Mr. Dulles. See separate memorandum on this subject transmitted herewith.)


George A. Morgan
Acting Director

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